

In RE application of K. Shimada
 Serial No.: 10/659,374



Patent

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Group Art Unit: 2186

Examiner: R. Dare

For: A STORAGE SYSTEM AND A METHOD OF SPEEDING UP WRITING DATA INTO THE STORAGE SYSTEM

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

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- A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 14, 2005, please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper;

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 5 of this paper;

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 11 of this paper and include attached replacement sheets; and

Remarks begin on page 12 of this paper.

Appendix including five replacement sheets of amended drawing figures is attached following page 18 of this paper.